

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18 and ending on page 2, line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

The invention relates to an absorbent article that contains at least one active additive which produces an acid, characterised in that said article comprises a visual indicator that indicates the activity status of the active additive. The invention also relates to a method of detecting an activity status of an active additive on an absorbent article after the absorbent article has been stored, which may comprise the steps of including in the absorbent article a visual indicator that provides a visual indication of the activity status of the active additive, storing the absorbent article, and monitoring the visual indicator for any change in activity status caused by storing.